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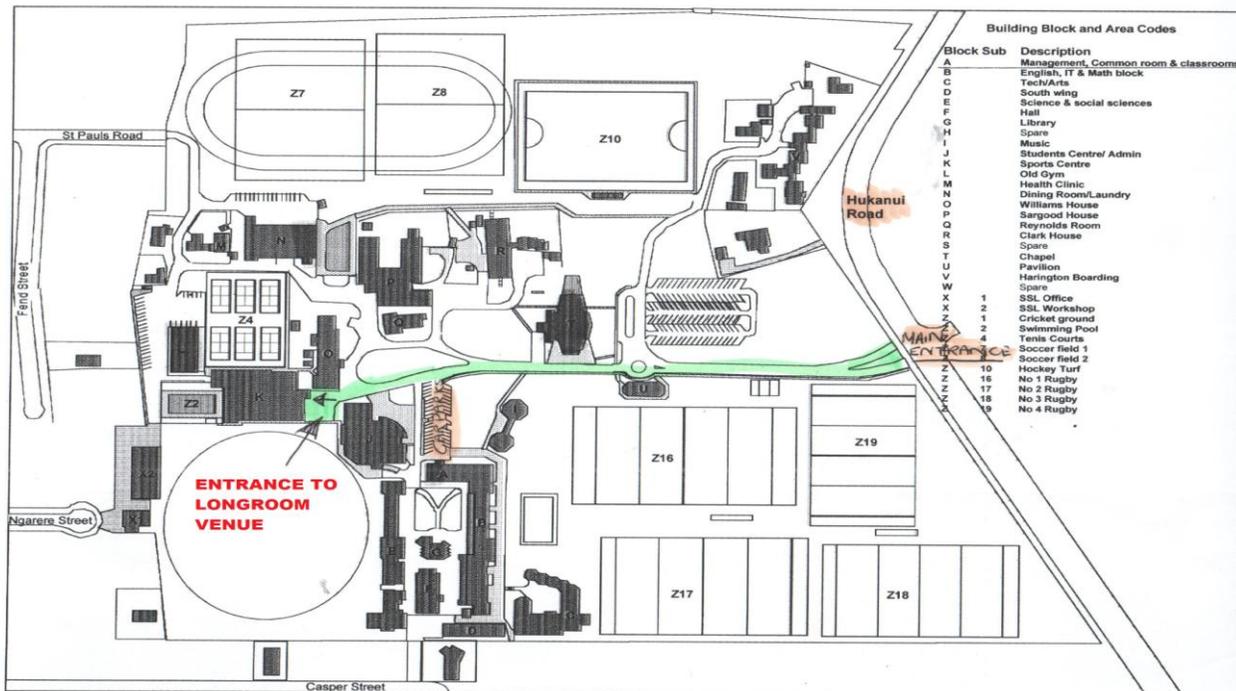
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WEDNESDAY 7pm to 9pm 6 AUGUST 2014.

“Getting to Know Hamilton Better”



Venue: The Long Room (above gymnasium) St Paul's Collegiate, 77 Hukanui Road, Hamilton.

Guests should enter off Hukanui Road, parking will be available in the orange sections noted on the map. The venue (The Long Room) is above the gymnasium and is indicated by the arrow highlighted in green on the map. There will be signposting.

This month's general meeting will focus on/to issues that concerned International students, mainly the Chinese students from China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan, who are currently studying at secondary schools in Hamilton – we are expecting students from St Johns, St Pauls, Sacred Heart, and Hillcrest High. The theme of this meeting is: Getting to Know Hamilton Better and its purpose, through the panel discussion, is trying to smooth the way for those students settling down here and being quickly able to get into their student life in a foreign country.

The panel discussion will include the following:

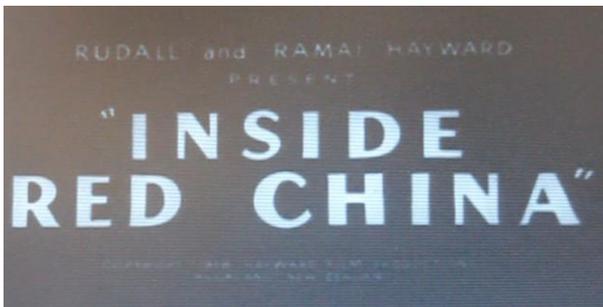
- The NZ schools and Secondary school education systems;
- NZ School subjects and the different way of teaching in the classroom;
- The similarity and differences of NZ secondary schools and secondary schools in China;
- Get to know your principal and staff at school;
- School life: How to make friends there;
- Know the place and community where your school is;
- Discipline and punishment: school rules, the must and mustn't
- Plus other issues for discussion.



Our branch committee will be providing supper.

SUNDAY 11am to 3pm 17 AUGUST 2014 at Parents' Place, 87 Boundary Road, Hamilton.

Meeting is in front house – entry through back door. This is our Winter Pot Luck luncheon and social get-together, so please bring items for a shared lunch (we will have reheating facilities available). Chinese tea will be provided. Following the lunch we will be re-showing the video



“Inside Red China”. A preview of this NZ documentary was included in our April 2014 Newsletter. (FILM EVENING Wednesday 28 May 2014: The featured film “Inside Red China”

produced in 1957 by NZ pioneer film makers Rudal and Ramai Hayward is an historic film and showed great insights of China at a time when very few non Chinese were able to visit China.



Unfortunately, it was a stormy weather evening on 28 May and only a dozen turned up to see the film. Rudall passed away in 1974 and we note that Ramai Hayward passed away only a few weeks ago (3 July 2014) aged 97. We consider the film so important, that we arranging another filming in August).

All welcome – bring a friend!

NZCFS CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 23 – 25 May 2014



at Havelock North. Jenevere, Miao, Diane, Xiaoning, and Ian attended this exciting, very friendly, and very interesting Conference. Such conferences are a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, make new ones, and find out what our Society has done and is planning and to participate in discussions. The National flag of China was flying from the flagpole in the town centre – I found out about this before actually seeing it, by a local tour bus driver seeing my name tag, and commenting that he had some Chinese tourists on his bus who expressed much surprise and great delight to

see their flag flying in Havelock North. Involvement with youth was the theme of the Conference, and young members were present and very involved in the discussion and future planning. On the Saturday afternoon we had a great concert by the local youth orchestra, with our local member Xiyao Chen featuring as a soloist, and with the orchestra, playing his own composition. Many details and comments on the Conference are on our National website. There is members section on the bottom of the home page, but you will need a password to get in. If you are a member and do not know the current password please ask one of our committee.



“KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH OLD FRIENDS”. Co-President Jenevere Foreman notes:

I have recently returned from being a member of the NZCFS tour to North East China. The area was intensely interesting with the Japanese and Russian influence still obvious through the memorials and museums and the languages on the signs in some of the cities.



While away I made contact with Ines le Roth Gentil. Ines is finishing her university studies at a Shanghai University which has a connection with the university she attends in France. We enjoyed a meal together and then enjoyed an hour at The Fairmont, previously the Peace Hotel, in the Jazz Bar.

Ines visited Hamilton in 2012 when she was undertaking an internship with our Society. She visited some meetings of the northern branches. Her internship was to observe and give suggestions as to how to attract younger members. On her return to France she gave an

excellent report which has been built on with the last AGM theme being “how to attract young members to our Society”.

Another friend who I made contact with was Long Yan Ping who is back in Beijing .She was the Cultural Consul at the Consulate-General in Auckland for four years and left Auckland in March this year.



Some of our members will remember the visit of Zhiwei, Ivy and Mecca from Changsha University in 2006. They were home hosted in Hamilton, and other branch members also enjoyed their company taking them on day trips outside Hamilton City. I contacted Mecca who is now working as a senior staff member of Asiana Airlines. Mecca came to New Zealand soon after Xmas last year to visit Stan Boyle, who was then in the Rehabilitation Centre in Waikato Hospital.

I spent a couple of days in Hong Kong on my way home and rang Dr Edwin Hung who was President of our branch in the 1980's. He was also founding Chairman of the Hamilton Chinese Garden Trust .

HE MING QING (KATHLEEN HALL) MEMORIAL ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

held at Canton Hong Kong Restaurant on 29 June 2014. Fifty members turned out for this event and enjoyed a very nice dinner, great company, and very successful fundraising effort. Our sincere and grateful thanks to all those who supported this event by attendance, cash donations, donation of items for raffles, and purchase of raffle tickets.

While we still have a valuable donated item still to convert to cash, we have already made \$1170-00 for this fund. For more info Click on this link to our website

[.Hamilton branch's He Ming Qing fund-raising dinner is a great success](#)



STAN BOYLE'S RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBITION (Stan's artwork)

was held 2.00pm to 4.00 pm at David Lloyd's Gallery 78 Lake Crescent, Hamilton, on Sunday 27 May. Seeing Stan's etchings and reading his poems brought back many pleasant memories for the number of our branch members, and members of Stan's family, who attended this exhibition.



For Jan

'Maij san shu'
Now there's a delicious dish.
Fine noodles piled high
red flecks of chilli,
stark against tiny pieces of meat
hiding in the strands.
Black squares of fermented beancurd
floating in the hot vinegary sauce.
Dofu, sharp white in the rich red sauce,
garlic, red peppers, and coriander strewn throughout.
Frog's legs, juicy and tender,
tiny bones discarded beside the bowl.
The spicy aroma of pigs' feet
black, shiny and gelatinous.
The rising surge of voices,
sudden bursts of laughter,
click of kwaizi against the plate,
the slurp and suck of culinary satisfaction,
and the quiet burp and belch of appreciation.
Now that's what I call a Chinese meal.

Stan



HAMILTON BRANCH YOUTH SUB-COMMITTEE:

We are planning a youth sub-committee for our branch. Please let Miao know if you can think of someone who may be interested.

if Anyone requires a lift to a meeting Please Call A Committee Member

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